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SUBJECT: FY 1981 Intelligence Authorization Bill

1. Attached for your information is House Report 96-926, Part I, the HPSCI report on H.R. 7152, the FY 1981 Intelligence Authorization Bill.

2. Points of particular interest in the report are:

-- Explanation of Section 103 of the Bill (page 4).

-- Explanation of HPSCI decision not to authorize the full amount requested for the Intelligence Community staff (page 5). The Committee recommends that the reduction in external research and analysis projects be applied to the Research Management Staff.

-- Explanation of the death gratuity provision (page 8). Sufficient report language appears to have been included to negate any inference that the death gratuity is to be in lieu of payment under the Federal Employees Compensation Act. The HPSCI version of the death gratuity, however, would be payable only in the case of "intelligence personnel who must operate under alias, using clandestine tradecraft, or who engage in intelligence activities which expose them to substantial danger," and whose identities as intelligence officers are classified (see page 8 of the Report and Section 406 of the Bill).

3. According to HPSCI Chief Counsel Mike O'Neil, the exclusion from the death gratuity of high level Agency officials and others (e.g. NFAC analysts overseas on TDY) whose identity as intelligence officers are not classified was unintentional. O'Neil said that the report language had to reflect the provisions of the Bill as reported out by the Committee, but that the problem would be readily resolvable in Conference.

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